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U. S. ATTORNEY TAKES HAND IN SLUSH INQUIRY

Says Federal Probe of Fund and "Conflicting Testimony."

Chicago, Sept. 8.—United States District Attorney Charles F. Clyne announced today that information about presidential campaign expenses has been submitted to him by E. H. Moore, Governor Cox's representative at the senatorial investigation of the campaign expenditures.

Mr. Clyne said he was not ready to announce what action may be taken on this information.

Mr. Clyne and department of justice representatives attended the committee hearing today.

Mr. Clyne said the question of perjury in the testimony of certain witnesses at the senatorial hearings was brought up.

Chicago, Sept. 8.—(United Press.)—Reports were circulated in the federal building that Clyne was considering a federal investigation into alleged conflicting testimony of some witnesses appearing before the committee.

Clyne said he would make no statement regarding his plans before he had an opportunity of consulting with the full committee conducting the investigation. He said he hoped to meet with the committee, following today's hearing.

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LEAGUE AIM OF HARDING IS CONFUSED

Republicans Take Different Views of His Stand—Will Not Reject It

BY DAVID LAWRENCE. (Special to The Argus.)

Chicago, Sept. 8.—Two gentlemen, between whom, politically speaking, there is no love lost, are having a most uncomfortable time in this campaign and friends of both are wondering which shall prove accurate in analyzing the mind of Senator Harding, as the case may be after next November.

Hiram Johnson is the one, and Herbert Hoover is the other. Mr. Johnson is opposed to the League of Nations and is convinced by a reading of the Harding speeches that the Ohio senator, if elected, will reject the whole league business, whilst Mr. Hoover is satisfied that Mr. Harding will approximate the position which Republicans like Taft, Hughes and Wickersham have expressed as their understanding of Senator Harding's inmost thoughts.

Somebody, to borrow a phrase from William Jennings Bryan, is going to find his heart "in the grave" when Mr. Harding chooses between the wishes of the so-called irreconcilables and the mild reservationists or friends of the treaty and league. Some people predict that Mr. Harding will make the choice before election day; others say he will wait until after the polls have closed.

Johnson Followers Elated. Meanwhile, the friends of Johnson were elated by Senator Harding's speech of Aug. 28, and now they are correspondingly dismayed by the statement issued at Marion by George W. Wickersham, former attorney general in President Taft's cabinet. That statement was read and approved by Senator Harding before being issued through the stenographic corps of Harding headquarters or it is the first important statement issued from the front porch that has not gone through that process.

But the tendency at Marion has been to win the friends of the treaty and league and the writer pointed out at the time Charles Evans Hughes went to see Senator Harding that the Republican nominee was leaning toward the Taft-Hughes-Wickersham-Hoover wing of the party and more and more away from Johnson whose cause he had espoused in earlier speeches.

Moreover, Mr. Wickersham commented (Continued on last page.)

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SEA TO SEA AIR MAIL ROUTE IS PUT IN EFFECT

Inaugurate Regular Service Between Mineola and Frisco.

Minneapolis, N. Y., Sept. 8.—Transcontinental air mail service to San Francisco was officially inaugurated today when R. G. Page, piloting an airplane specially equipped to carry 400 pounds mail, started his westward flight at 6:30 o'clock. He carried, in his cargo of mail, letters to the mayors of six cities along the route.

The airplane was scheduled to make its first stop at Cleveland. Other stations chosen were Chicago, Omaha, Neb., Cheyenne, Wyo., Salt Lake City, Reno, Nev., and finally, San Francisco.

Make Trip in Three Days. The trip is expected to be completed in three days, arriving at San Francisco 42 hours ahead of the time regularly required for mail trains.

The flight mapped out is 2,651 miles in length, the longest air route in the world.

Another plane, carrying 16,000 letters for western points, including messages from Senator Warren G. Harding, Republican presidential nominee, to San Francisco friends, left about an hour after the leader.

Will Speed Up Service. Chicago, Sept. 8.—Aerial mail service between New York and San Francisco was officially opened this morning. Eight planes started in the four divisions of the service, each ship carrying 600 pounds of mail and advancing their loads 16 hours over the train mail time. The service will so facilitate mail delivery, it is declared, that a letter leaving New York for Omaha at daybreak will arrive the same day before sunset.

Chicago Division Point. The ships will leave Chicago both directions at 5:30 each morning. The service is divided into four divisions: New York to Chicago; Chicago to Omaha; Omaha to Salt Lake City; and Salt Lake City to San Francisco.

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HARDING AT MINNESOTA STATE FAIR

Has Busy Day at St. Paul; Speaks on Agricultural Problems.

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 8.—Following close on the heels of Governor James M. Cox, Senator Warren G. Harding had a busy day before him on his arrival in St. Paul today, including an address on agriculture at the Minnesota state fair grounds.

Senator Harding and his party arrived shortly after 9 o'clock this morning. After an informal reception at the depot, the Republican nominee rode in an automobile parade to the state fair grounds.

There he made a brief address to farm boys attending the exposition and then reviewed various exhibits.

At noon he was the guest of the state fair board at luncheon, following which he spoke at 1:30 p. m. before the grand stand—his principal address of the day. After a public reception at the capitol tonight the senator will return to Marion.

Proposes Agricultural Program. Minnesota State Fair Grounds, Sept. 8.—An agricultural program designed to keep the nation self-sustaining and to improve the condition of the farmer, was outlined by Senator Harding, Republican nominee for the presidency, in a speech this afternoon at the Minnesota State Fair.

In specific terms the candidate set forth his policy as contemplating the following steps: Larger representation for farmers in governmental affairs, particularly with regard to trade and finance.

Establishment of a system of co-operative association for marketing farm products.

A scientific study of the world market for farm products with a view to stabilization of prices.

Curbing of unnecessary price-fixing and of "ill-considered efforts arbitrarily to reduce farm product prices."

Administration of the farm loan act so as to decrease tenancy, promote diversified farming and provide long-term credits.

Restoration of railway facilities to a state of highest efficiency.

Revision of the tariff to protect American agriculture from unfair competition.

Would Insure Food Production. Both reclamation and intensive farming, the nominee said, would have their places in a development of the nation's agricultural resources to a capacity which would insure to posterity an abundance of domestic food products.

Deporing the drift of population from country to city, he advocated an improvement in the social life of the farm and such an administration of economic laws as would insure "a fair balance between our urban and rural industries."

The candidate described his conception of the future of the American farmer as contemplating "a system of agriculture which will enable us to feed our people abundantly in years of plenty, and at prices which will insure to the farmer and his family both financial rewards and educational, social and religious living conditions fairly comparable to those offered by cities."

Price Control Unwise. Price control might be necessary and wise in times of national crisis, the senator said, but prices in the long run must rest rather on natural laws than on arbitrary enactments.

Government drives against food prices such as we have experienced during the past two years are equally vain and useless," he continued. Such drives simply give the speculator and the profiteer additional opportunities to add to their exactions.

Must Adopt Definite Policy. "The time has come," said he, "when as a nation we must determine on a definite agricultural policy. We must decide whether we shall undertake to make the United States a self-sustaining nation, or whether we shall continue to exploit our agricultural resources for the benefit of our industrial and commercial life, and leave to posterity the task of finding food enough, by strong-arm methods, if necessary, to support the coming hundreds of millions."

COOL WEATHER IN ILLINOIS HOLDING CORN CROP BACK

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 8.—Corn maturity was poor in Illinois, for the week ending Tuesday, Sept. 7, as the result of cool weather, according to the bulletin issued by the weather bureau this morning.

M'SWINEY CASE BEFORE BRITISH CABINET, CLAIM

Reported to Be Reconsidering Its Stand On Hunger Striker.

London, Sept. 8.—(By the United Press.)—The British cabinet in session today was authoritatively reported to be reconsidering its decision not to release Lord Mayor MacSwiney, in view of the overwhelming pressure of public opinion.

The British government today announced its willingness to release Lord Mayor MacSwiney, now for the 37th day of his hunger strike in Brixton prison, if a guarantee is received from some responsible Irish source that murder of policemen in Ireland will cease.

This announcement followed an official denial that Premier Lloyd George, who returned last night from Switzerland, had previously made a similar conditional offer, as unofficially reported in press dispatches.

A bulletin issued at noon said MacSwiney had suddenly grown much weaker and that physicians had forbidden his relatives to converse with him.

Reports from Brixton prison stated he was a little brighter this morning, but much weaker. It was said he had passed a fairly good night.

The bulletin, issued at noon by the Irish self-determination league, with regard to the mayor's condition, said: "The lord mayor suddenly got much weaker. The doctors are very anxious and have forbidden his relatives to converse with him."

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EARTH SHOCK WIPES OUT WHOLE TOWNS; LIFE AND PROPERTY LOSS IS HUGE

COX SAYS WAR PROFITEER IS BACK OF G. O. P.

Governor On Trip West Renews Campaign Fund Charges.

Aboard Governor Cox's Special Train, Culbertson, Mont., Sept. 8.—(United Press.)—Governor Cox said today as he pushed his stump campaign another step west into Montana, that he is prepared to show that those corporations which made the greatest profits out of the war are among the biggest backers of Republican campaign funds.

The most notorious profiteer in America, the American Woolen company, William M. Wood, president, already has made a large contribution to the campaign book of Republicanism which William Barnes, Albany, N. Y., is publishing," Cox charged specifically.

Governor Cox recently had a survey made of conditions at the woolen mill and it was understood his assertion was based on this report. He indicated in future addresses he will name other corporations to which he believes the same charges can be applied.

Hopes to Carry Montana. Indicating that Democrats have strong hopes of carrying Montana, Cox will spend two days in this state. Only two main addresses—at Havre and at Great Falls—were on the schedule today, although several rear platform talks probably will be made. Tomorrow Cox will visit the copper mining section of Butte and Anaconda.

Cox was due to arrive at Havre at 2 o'clock this afternoon and at Great Falls at 7:15 tonight.

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